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## EDITORIALS\*

### THE NEW HOME AND LIBRARY BUILDINGS OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

*A Dream That Has Been Realized.*—To be known as one of the larger component county medical societies of the United States, is a simple honor, but to possess at the same time one of the most attractive and efficient headquarters in home and library buildings to be found anywhere in the entire country, is a still more desirable and an even greater achievement.

On October 25, 1934, the new headquarters and library buildings of the Los Angeles County Medical Association were formally opened; and on pages 376 and 379 of this issue of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE will be found illustrated articles concerning both of the ornate buildings.

The Council of the California Medical Association, on November 10, met in the new headquarters and passed formal resolutions on behalf of the Association's members, congratulating the Los Angeles County Medical Association on its

unique good fortune. The buildings have been open only little more than a month; but their increasing use, day by day, by more and more members, has already raised the question of ampler accommodations to meet the growing activities of the society.

Too much praise cannot be given to the officers of the Association, whose influence in securing a wise investment of funds in real estate of rapidly increasing value provided the capital resources by which it was possible both to erect the structures, and to provide for their maintenance.

Members of the California and American Medical Associations who have occasion to come to Los Angeles are cordially invited to visit these architectural units, and to avail themselves of their varied facilities. The buildings, as splendid expressions of achievement, showing what organized medicine can attain in the domain of material accomplishment, have an inspirational value to physicians, which should be as great or greater than that to be found through hours spent in many old and new world museums and galleries.

With headquarters and a library such as are described and portrayed in this issue, the Los Angeles County Medical Association may be said to be only on the threshold of its real work and expanding career. Its example should stimulate the members of other component societies to be equally alert concerning their own present and future needs.

### INITIATIVE 9 (CHIROPRACTIC) AND INITIATIVE 17 (NATUROPATHIC) DECISIVELY REJECTED

It is a matter of regrettable import that in the United States physicians, as a class, ordinarily evince only a moderate interest in civic affairs and political movements; but this year, owing to special conditions, members of the medical profession in California were led to take an active part in the recent political campaign, and join lay citizens who, by their ballots, decided a number of important questions. The issues which brought about this healthier participation by the members of the medical profession were two measures (Chiropractic Initiative 9 and Naturopathic Initiative 17), which it was proposed to enact into law by direct vote of the people.

For a discussion of the nature and scope of these movements, see comments in recent issues of this JOURNAL (October, pages 269 and 285, and November, page 338).

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*How Initiatives 9 and 17 Fared in the November Election.*—The complete and final returns of the November 6 election will not be given out from Sacramento until December 15, but figures from the daily press, published shortly after the election, will answer our present needs.

Thus, on November 9, out of a total of 10,721 precincts in California, the vote of 9,357 precincts on Initiative 9 (Chiropractic) was 598,390 yes, and 961,863 no, a difference in favor of rejection of the proposed chiropractic law of 363,473 ballots.

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